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MILESTONE

Allen Clark, an associate professor in the Music Department, conducts the Brass/ Percussion Ensemble in its performance of John Williams’ “Liberty Fanfare” Thursday night in the Arts Center. The performance was part of “In Celebration: Fifteen Years of Making Musicians,” a concert marking the anniversary of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s approval of the bachelor of arts in music degree at UTB/TSC.

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UT System raises tuition

2.6% increase in academic cost will be covered by allocation approved by board of regents

By Regina Miller
THE COLLEGIAN

In light of the tuition increase proposed by Chancellor Francisco G. Cigarroa, the University of Texas System board of regents has allocated \$16 million over the next two years to alleviate the burden on students’ wallets.

According to a UT System news release, Cigarroa was instructed to channel these funds into the other eight universities’ in the System in a way that will greatly reduce or eliminate the proposed tuition increases. UT-Austin will receive

\$13.2 million. For the first year (2012-2013), UTB/TSC will receive \$1,241,836 to allocate toward student success initiatives. A total of \$931,377 will go into tutoring and supplemental instruction and \$310,459 into mentoring and peer mentoring. During the second year (2013-2014), the same areas will receive funding, \$979,199 for tutoring and supplemental instruction and \$326,399 for mentoring and peer mentoring.

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1,200-plus to graduate May 19

By Magaly Rosales
THE COLLEGIAN

Senior biology major Carling Rootes isn’t your typical student. This UTB/TSC soccer player is far away from her Canadian home and ready to receive her diploma.

“Being away from home for the first time was definitely difficult and coming to a new culture ... trying to adjust and also playing soccer, takes a whole bunch of time,” Rootes said. “It was a big struggle the first few years.”

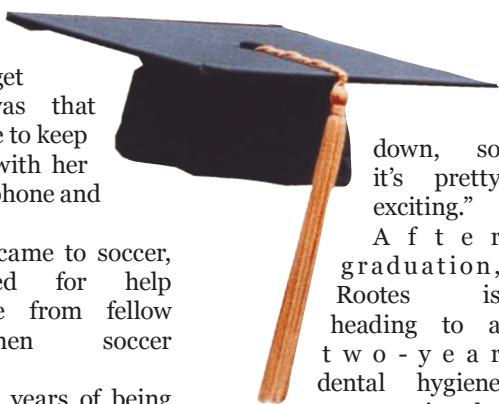
Rootes explained that

what helped her get through was that she was able to keep in contact with her parents by phone and via Skype.

When it came to soccer, she looked for help and advice from fellow upperclassmen soccer players.

After five years of being in college and playing soccer, Rootes is ready for graduation.

“I can’t wait! It’s definitely been five years in the making,” she said. “My parents are coming



down, so it’s pretty exciting.” After graduation, Rootes is heading to a two-year dental hygiene program in the Canadian National Institute of Health, located in Ontario.

As of last Wednesday,

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Student charged in sexual assault incident at Casa Bella

By Joe Molina
THE COLLEGIAN

A UTB/TSC student has been arraigned on a charge of aggravated sexual assault.

Abel L. Gutierrez, 20, was arrested last Tuesday by Campus Police. Police say he is accused of sexually assaulting a female student at the Casa Bella housing complex on April 29.

“A report was made to us of a sexual assault,” Campus Police Chief John Cardoza told *The Collegian*.

Cardoza said “there were visible injuries on the victim.”

According to the probable cause affidavit, the alleged incident occurred about 3 a.m. April 29 in the



Abel L. Gutierrez

housing complex. The man allegedly penetrated the victim, and she told him to stop “but he did not stop the assault.” The woman bit him in the chest. He then bit her on the face and then struck her with a closed fist, according to the affidavit.

Gutierrez was arraigned last Wednesday before Cameron County Magistrate Patricia Ann Edelstein, who set bond at \$50,000.

Did you know?

Last week, 54 tenured and 7 tenure-track faculty members received notification that they could lose their jobs.

Earlier this spring, 30 technical instructors were notified that their positions were to end May 31, 2013.

Post-separation revenue is estimated at \$110.5 million vs. the current \$173.8 million.

More reduction in force notices are slated to be sent Aug. 1

About 60 percent of students are expected to stay at UTB, according to the university's projections.



Sigma Psi Delta sorority sisters donned tiaras in a symbolic token of unity.

MICHELLE SERRANO/COLLEGIAN PHOTOS

SOIRÉE IN ‘WONDERLAND’

By Jasmin Euceda
THE COLLEGIAN

Jose Guadalupe Martinez and Cassandra Hernandez were crowned the 2012 Bougainvillea king and queen April 28 in front of nearly 300 people gathered in the Student Union’s Gran Salón for the traditional spring ball.

Men dressed in suits and tuxedos and women dressed in gowns and cocktail dresses attended the dance, which featured a “Wonderland” theme.

The students danced to music spun by DJ BR, drank punch and ate hors d’oeuvres and candies amid a ballroom decorated with giant paper mushrooms, artificial trees and a rock-laden path also made of paper.

Among the 275 students who attended the event was senior history major Rolando Ocañas.

“I like it,” Ocañas said of the ball. “I was not expecting the two-stepping country dances but it’s OK. I’m glad I know how to do that, and the house music afterward is nice. People can dance to that.”

Ocañas attended the event in support of one of the candidates running for king.

“I came to support Joey Martinez,” he said. “He is a fraternity brother of mine and he is running for king, I hope he can make it.”

Sophomore art major Michelle Marques said this is her first time attending the Bougainvillea Ball.

“I think it’s very interesting because since I am an international student, we always see this in movies and things like that, so I feel like in an American movie, I love it.”

Marques, of Brazil, described getting ready for Bougainvillea.

“It was very fun because I was trying to help all the girls, they were all excited,” she said of her friends. “I was very excited to come over here, and we were trying to find outfits ... so it was pretty fun.”

Earlier in the week, 3,600 students had cast ballots in the Bougainvillea election.

Martinez, representing the Mu Alpha Nu fraternity, and Hernandez, of the Sigma Psi Delta sorority, garnered the most votes, followed by Pedro Rangel and Ericka Rangel, of the Student Government Association, who were named prince and princess; Samuel Camarillo and Keirsten Velasquez, of Residential Life, duke and duchess; and Moises Grimaldo and Valerie Secrease, of the Student Media Club, lord and lady.

“It’s very exciting,” Hernandez, a senior bilingual education major, said of being crowned queen. She attributes her success in this year’s election to the support she received from her sorority sisters.

Martinez, a junior physics major, said: “It feels pretty good to represent Mu Alpha Nu and I like it.”

He said his and Hernandez’s main campaign strategy was to give out food.

Student Life Director Sergio Martinez was happy with the turnout of this year’s ball.

“I think tonight’s turnout was a lot larger and [had] a lot more spirit,” Martinez said. “I think people really had a good time and really enjoyed the evening.”

Martinez said there are many reasons why students attend the ball.

“Many of them do it because it’s their graduating year and this is really the last time they are going to celebrate on campus,” he said. “Some do it because they want to support their friends, some people [are] here supporting the candidates.”

Martinez encourages students to participate in this event.

“It’s really a beautiful event, where you can dance ... you can have a good time in a formal setting, and I think it’s a great way to finish the semester,” he said.



Above: The Student Union’s Gran Salón was transformed into a fantasy land of lasers and jewel-toned lights drawing students to the dance floor.



Above: The Bougainvillea Royal Court slow dances.
Below: 2012 Bougainvillea Queen Cassandra Hernandez and King Jose “Joey” Martinez.



Above: While the royal court took to the dance floor, attendees stole a moment near the photo booth to share in their own special dance.
Below: A photo booth in magenta, pink and yellow drew the eyes and many snapshots.



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UTB/TSC students help the hungry, homeless in Brownsville

By Marlane Ashley Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

Hunger is defined as the uneasy or painful sensation caused by want of food. For most people, it is easy to satisfy hunger, but not for 40 percent of this city's residents living under the poverty level, making Brownsville the poorest city in the United States. It is because of the city's high poverty level that organizations such as the Food Bank of Brownsville and Brownsville Independent School District's Youth Connection Project exist. Kenneth Parks, operations director of the Food Bank of Brownsville, said the number of homeless children in Brownsville has increased from 850 in February 2011 to 1,350 this year. Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, children who live in a family or domestic violence shelter, motel, hotel, weekly rate housing, in a house or apartment with more than one family, abandoned

building or car, street, temporary foster care, with a parent or legal guardian, or substandard housing with no electricity or water are considered homeless. According to the Food Bank of Brownsville's website, the city's poverty rate is 40.2 percent, the highest in the United States. Parks said the Food Bank of Brownsville supplies emergency food requests with the Snack Pack Bag Program, through the BISD Youth Connection Project and under the Brownsville Teen Center. The Snack Pack Bags Program consists of bags of food that are given to homeless adults and children. The bags include a drink, a healthy snack, meat or meal, toiletries, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush and hand soap. UTB/TSC students have contributed to the Snack Pack Bags Program by donating food and items in the five shopping carts located across campus and

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New program targets graduation rate

By Magaly Rosales
THE COLLEGIAN

The UT-Brownsville Graduation Initiative is a new program designed to help students overcome any challenges they might encounter during their college years and guide them toward graduating on time. The Division of Student Affairs began the program this semester. "Some of the things we have done, so far, is connect students to resources that they may not have known about, such as our career counselors ... but we also go for GPA, mentoring and academic guidance," said Daniel Aguilar, an educational specialist and graduation coach in the Student Success Center. One of the barriers to graduation that students encounter, Aguilar said, is having to take three courses in consecutive semesters but one of those courses might not be offered or the students are planning to graduate in two semesters. "We have called deans or chairs and tried to get

them," Aguilar said. "While we believe everybody should have access to a four-year degree, sometimes that's not a reality for students that are in a four-year degree plan, so we look at other options."

He said the four-year graduation rate from the 2004 cohort is 3.7 percent. The five-year graduation rate for the same cohort is 13 percent and the six-year rate is 19.6 percent.

"Our goal is to reach a four-year graduation rate of 10 percent, a five-year graduation rate of 20 percent and a six-year graduation rate of 25 percent for the 2010 cohort," Aguilar said.

Asked how many students would participate in the program, he replied: "We're looking for 100 percent participation, so students who may not know about us yet, they'll get a phone call and then they'll get an e-mail, and then they'll get a letter to their house, a letter to their class. ... It's a great service that we provide, [which] their student fees are paying for, and it has worked for a lot of students so far."

course substitutions," he said. "We've tried to ask if maybe a new class could be offered at a specific time to help a student out." The program also helps students who have been enrolled for a long time and haven't had the GPA to be successful. "We talk about other alternatives that maybe would work better for

The five W's of registration

By Regina Miller
THE COLLEGIAN

To the relief of those who have yet to register, the offices of the Registrar and Enrollment Management have decided to extend registration dates for summer classes and Fall 2012. UTB/TSC students still have time to decide whether they will enroll in this year's summer school sessions. Asked what caused the extension, UTB/TSC Registrar Albert Barreda told *The Collegian*: "We had to separate the fall registration activity from summer's. ... Students were experiencing too many problems with trying to resolve issues to clear them to take courses that require

prerequisites in order to register for fall." Barreda believes that this allows students additional time to map out the coming academic year and what courses students will be taking. This "gives [students] time to meet with advisers and actually set out the plan accordingly," he said. Students can also access the registration system via telephone or computer. Right now, the Registrar's Office is seeing the most activity from seniors and graduate students; transient students that take summer courses and return to their home institution elsewhere are also beginning to enroll. A new requirement has also been instated for first-time freshmen. In addition

to mandatory orientation, incoming freshmen will now have to participate in a mandatory three-hour advising session to better understand the specific details of their career paths. Academic Advising found that the 45-minute freshman orientation did not fully stress the importance of choosing the right career early on. Because incoming freshmen are required to declare their major, this session will focus on channeling students into degree plans that cater to their interests and work experience gained in high school. Selma Yznaga, director of Academic Advising, said the mandatory advising orientation allows "a little



CHRISTOPHER PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

Registrar's Office employee Bianca Otero helps sophomore diagnostic medical sonography major Crystal Ibarra fill out a transcript request form last Thursday. Registration for May and summer sessions started May 1 and fall registration begins June 6.

more time to talk to students about ... developmental testing and how that affects their course selection." "What we're trying to do is create a very clear pathway from the information they got in high school regarding careers and the majors we offer that will help them realize those dreams," Yznaga said. For this reason, UTB/TSC offers 16 different groups of careers and all of their respective classes are put into "career clusters." These clusters are designed to give students the flexibility to change their program of study without drifting away from their core interest such as business or science. Yznaga believes the clusters "help students streamline their college experience if they can choose their major early."

Students are allowed to change their major (or cluster) at any time although some degree plans list prerequisite courses as early as freshman year, and can delay graduation if postponed. Due to a federal standard, students' financial aid can also be affected if they have too many hours accumulated from different degrees. "This is to discourage students from racking up huge student loans without actually getting a degree," Yznaga said. Besides a mandatory advising session each semester for currently enrolled students, no new requirement has been added. Since students are often late to their appointments, or sometimes don't show up, Academic Advising is only

taking walk-ins at this time, so those who have blocks or degree-plan issues can be advised quickly as opposed to waiting in the lobby. The option of advising by appointment won't be given until after fall registration starts. Staggered registration for Summer Session I, Summer Session II, extended summer (specific courses that run through both sessions) and Maymester began last Tuesday and lasts until Wednesday. Fall registration for students with 90 hours or more begins June 6, June 7 for students with 60 hours or more, June 8 for those with 30 or more and is open to all June 11. Course adds and drops will take place Aug. 20 and 21.

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What's going on?

"I just feel that I'm really confused right now and the university hasn't provided us with enough information about the [UT-Brownsville and Texas Southmost College partnership] split. We're unaware about what programs are going to stay, and what they are not going to offer anymore. I just think they should inform us more."



Denise De la Garza
Freshman psychology major

More security

"The security at night, because when I come at 7 [p.m.] for my class, I don't see any security at all. I don't see any security, and every time I leave at 10 p.m. for my class, there is glass and stuff like that [on the pavement]. So, I think there should be more security at night than the day."



Victor Flores
Freshman engineering physics-mechanical major

Better buses

"Well the transportation system here is not that good. The buses take a long time. I think they should have a better system here."



Fabian Rocha
Freshman criminal justice major

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Pedro Rodriguez III
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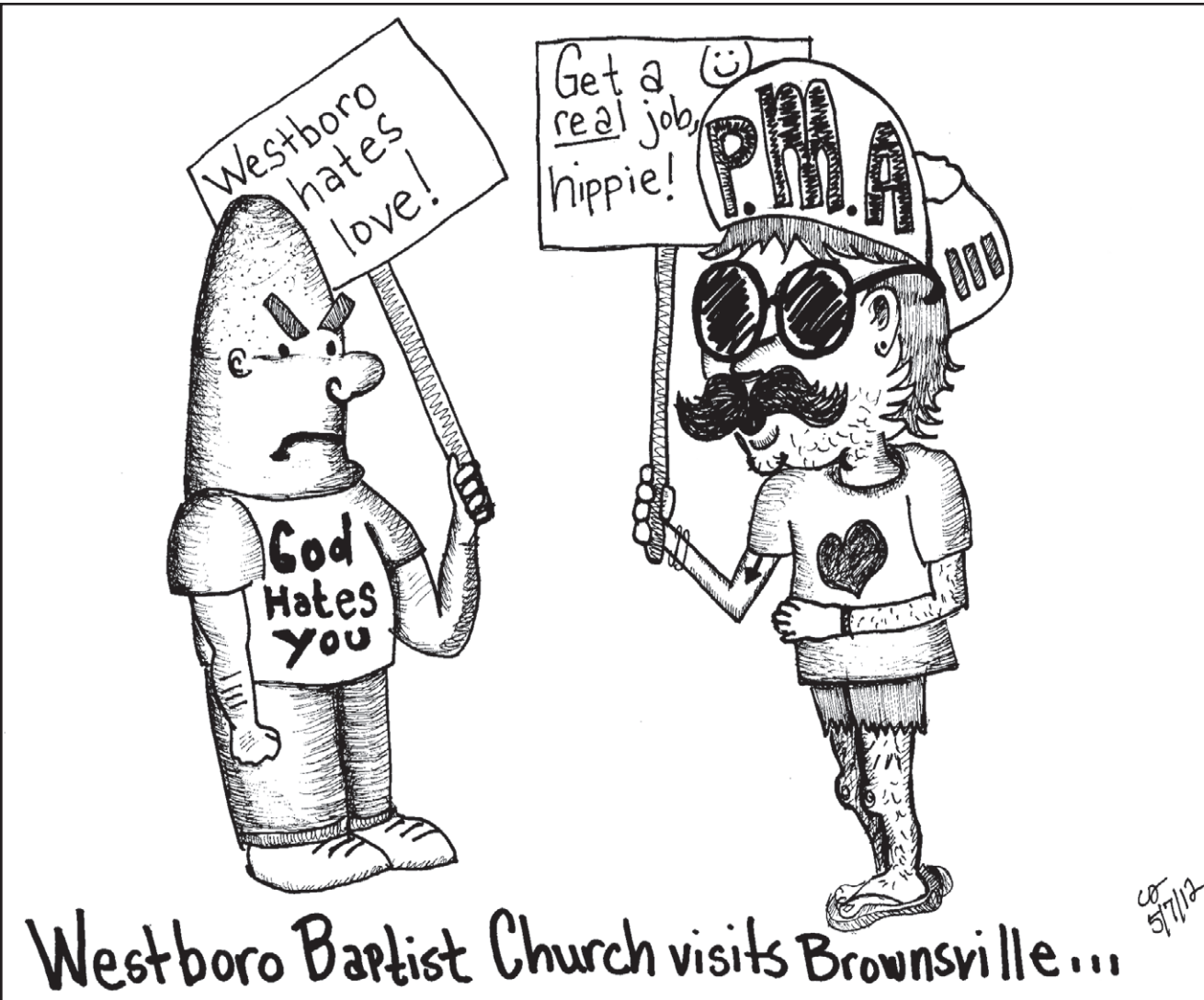


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A highly uncertain farewell

By Rene Cardona Jr.
COLLEGIAN EDITOR



"Someone call *The Herald*; I have a headline for them." I didn't speak those words. I obviously wouldn't have; it was my roommate. "You can thank me, Rene, for the material," he said. "Read all about it: UTB Inadequate. And, apparently, it's accelerating." I laughed hysterically, and it later occurred to me that I would be leaving my apartment filled with the closest of friends. The night, the day, couldn't have been more indicative of new horizons filled with uncertainty. I'm graduating, moving away, leaving what I knew to figure out another unknown. Yet at the same time, UT-Brownsville faces a slew of problems, and how they are handled mean everything for the future. "My degree is worthless, Rene!" he said, complaining about his unaccredited chemistry major. "Well, you wanted to be a politician anyway, Alex," I said. He pauses and thinks, I'm sure, wondering what he would do with a piece of paper not stamped by the American Chemical Society. "It's free for you as a scholar anyway, Alex. You can apply to MIT. You're Hispanic, and they can't tell you 'No' if you already have a chemistry--paper."

Is UTB inadequate? And, more important, is that news? "You could get a second bachelor's or transfer? They would take pity on you with a degree from here. You know, marginalized area, breaking the statistics of 20 percent graduation rate, 4 percent four-year completion rate, etc. etc." "Whoa, I hadn't heard those stats before," he said. And there's your problem. Ill-informed or sold into some dream of keeping it complacent and getting you by? I wasn't ragging on him. I explained, or rather raved, that 20 years of a partnership creates this, what is around you, a manicured garden, a handful of degrees seeking or not yet having accreditation, a splitting of two entities. Can't this entire university be awesome? TSC, too? Or shall the newspapers begin announcing the inadequacy of both schools? What has been holding us back? "It's Julieta! Corrupt Brownsville politics! Stupid Mexicans! Bloated administration! Complacent professors who let anything slide!" We've all said one or the other, but instead of the blatant

accusations, turn the finger to you. Bringing change is just not in our nature. Look at Mexico: After decades of struggles for the working poor, they're still facing a polarized society with an internal drug war. We, too, have a polarized society. Have you been to "North" Brownsville and then driven to Southmost? Honestly, my education has led me to the closest thing I could call an answer: As a people, we've been conquered, and conquering that is such an overwhelming task that we've given up and continue to live with the boot of the superiors on our neck not questioning but saying "yes, yes." During this time of a partnership split, professors getting the boot, iron curtains of misinformation and drinking yourself stupid every weekend, asking questions and not settling proves to be more crucial than ever. Being vigilant, questioning, being informed and not taking the word of those above are not only necessary for our community but for your own dream of success. If not, we will be sold a dream and stay indebted to failure. The next day, Alex tells me the Chemistry Department is seeking accreditation. "I feel better today," he said. "You can do better," I think, but my mind swallows the thought. Had he gone to MIT when he first left high

school, I wouldn't have met him. Despite its flaws, UTB has given me memories that I wouldn't trade for a free ride at an Ivy League school, but I must admit that I played it safe by coming here. Now, I'm off to UT (no B). It's an uncertain time wracking my mind with finances, a new, bigger bureaucracy, and my thin Scorpion skin is feeling the sting. "The quest for certainty blocks the search for meaning. Uncertainty is the very condition to impel man to unfold his powers," said Erich Fromm, a political philosopher from the Frankfurt School. It's a quote that comforts me, but does it make you think? We face a time of uncertainty and we mustn't be bogged down by following the certain paths laid down by those who almost certainly will try to keep their power. Certainly, there are those who will believe UTB is inadequate, but we must make them uncertain of that belief. How? By casting doubt on your "secure" beliefs that merely driving to school, sitting in class and doing it over again will do anything to change anything. If you're following a cycle, it's almost certain it will stay the same even if things all around are coming to an "end."

Lest we forget meaning of May Day

By Carlos Gutiérrez

Although it's a tradition that began in the United States after the Haymarket Riot in Chicago (1886), May Day is no longer celebrated as it used to be in the early decades of the 20th century. However, countries around the world continue to use this landmark date as a special occasion to celebrate the benefits and rights of their workers.

These celebrations are also used as a remembrance of the abuses and atrocities committed against workers. In America this celebration has become just another holiday whose origin and meaning have been lost. The American collective memory no longer remembers the early days of this struggle. Our students, professors, employees and employers are no longer acquainted with the

Tercero: No change in program offerings

Academic and technical courses stay for Fall 2013

By Joe Molina
THE COLLEGIAN

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Texas Southmost College President Lily Tercero has announced that the school will continue to offer all currently active programs in Fall 2013.

“The programs that currently exist will continue to exist because we are bringing forth all the programs at this point in time,” Tercero told *The Collegian* in an interview after a special meeting of the TSC board of trustees meeting on April 30. “We are also going to be looking very closely at some of the programs that we may need to restructure. Overall, the 15 academic [and the] 19 career and technical programs will be maintained.”

According to a news release issued by the college a day after the meeting, TSC will offer the following academic transfer programs: architecture, business, computer science, drafting, early childhood through sixth-grade teaching, fourth through eighth-grade teaching, eighth through 12th-grade teaching, health and human performance (early childhood through 12th grade), fine arts, forensic

investigation, general studies, science, Spanish translation, social work and technology.

The career and technical programs are accounting and business services, automotive services, building trades, child care development, clinical lab technician, computer information systems, computer web development, computer-aided drafting, criminal justice, drafting, emergency medical technician, heating/air conditioning/refrigeration, legal assisting, medical records and office management, nursing, paralegal studies, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy and sonography.

Tercero’s presentation iterated that the major components of a community college’s mission rely heavily on three focal points: the first two years of a student’s bachelor’s degree, transferability to a university and acquiring an associate’s degree.

Robert Aguero, TSC’s vice president for Instruction and Student Services, emphasized the state’s upcoming process of implementing a new core

curriculum.

“When you hear a student talk to you, they’re going to the college to take their basics. ... The terminology is the core curriculum,” Aguero said. “The greatest distinction in the old core and the new one ... is the [component area options].”

Under the new Texas core curriculum, a minimum of three of the six component areas will have to be incorporated into each core course. The component area options are critical thinking, communication skills, empirical and quantitative skills, teamwork, social responsibility and personal responsibility.

Regarding the last three areas, Aguero said: “That is something that business and industry have trumpeted throughout the nation.”

He noted recent changes to state funding for colleges will no longer depend on enrollment numbers, but rather on the school’s ability to maintain and exceed student completion rates at or above 85 percent.

With the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College in the middle of ending their



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Robert Aguero, Texas Southmost College vice president for Instruction and Student Services, and TSC President Lily Tercero address the board of trustees during last Thursday’s special meeting.

TSC Candidates

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partnership and becoming autonomous institutions, university officials have said that people who worked for TSC in 1992 are guaranteed a position with TSC if they are terminated by UTB.

However, they might not be compensated at a university-level rate.

“We will probably have to look at it from a legal perspective to see what

that really means,” Tercero said. “The challenge that we have ... is really the fact we will have to have salary schedules that are based on community college salaries and that is also defined in the agreement. ... Our salaries at a community college are lower than salaries, for faculty in particular, at universities.”

The president said a hiring process will

begin this summer, with personnel in place next spring semester.

“We have to have everything taken care of [by Spring 2013],” Tercero said, “because we will be ready to go Fall 2013. It’s all going very fast.”

In other TSC news, early voting in the board of trustees election continues until 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Two candidates each are vying for Places 6 and 7 on the board. As of last Wednesday, 343 ballots had been cast, according to the college’s website, www.tsc.edu. Election Day is May 12.

City on SpaceX bandwagon

Commission backs company’s consideration of building rocket launch site near Boca Chica Beach

By Samantha Ruiz
THE COLLEGIAN

Brownsville is just one of three cities that Space Exploration Technologies Inc. is considering for building a commercial launch pad to send its Falcon 9 rockets and Dragon spacecraft into space.

During its meeting last Tuesday, the Brownsville City Commission adopted a resolution expressing its support of and cooperation

with SpaceX Inc.

Brownsville is an option for the company due to its close proximity with the equator, Gilberto Salinas, executive vice president of the Brownsville Economic Development Council, told the commission.

It is easy now to see why the city is in favor of this project, Salinas said. The closer rockets are to the equator, the faster you can fly them into space.

“Rocket launches need to be built away from a

populated area, they need to be close to a body of water,” he said.

With its Falcon vehicles, SpaceX is “able to place satellites and other spacecraft into any inclination and altitude, from low Earth orbit to geosynchronous orbit to planetary missions,” according to the company’s website.

The Dragon is “a free-flying, reusable spacecraft being developed by SpaceX under NASA’s Commercial



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This rocket launch site for Space Exploration Technology’s Falcon 9 in Cape Cañaveral, Fla., is similar to what the California-based company is considering building near Boca Chica Beach, according to Gilberto Salinas, executive vice president for the Brownsville Economic Development Council.

Orbital Transportation Services (COTS) program,” the website states.

Rockets launched from just outside Boca Chica Beach would fly over the Gulf of Mexico, avoiding populated areas. Also, there is plenty of undeveloped land, Salinas said.

If built, the launch pad could bring up to \$80 million in capital investment and provide 600 direct jobs and about \$50 million in direct annual salaries.

“This is money from the heavens, this is money that we did not have, this is money that’s going to go a long way for our region,” he said.

SpaceX Inc. will pay 80 percent above county average wages.

More than \$70 million is

expected to economically impact the city, if built, and would expect about more than 7,000 visitors coming per launch on a monthly basis, Salinas said.

Aside from the economic benefits a rocket launch site could bring, scholastic opportunities open up.

He said internships and new curriculum can be created at schools and colleges.

The proposed site for the launch pad is just before you get to Boca Chica Beach off Texas State Highway 4.

Unlike most rockets, these are a bit more eco-friendly.

Rockets launched by SpaceX Inc. use kerosene and liquid oxygen instead of regular fuel.

The company will conduct a public hearing

from 5 to 8 p.m. May 15 in UTB/TSC’s International Technology, Education and Commerce Center to address any concerns residents may have.

Other locations the company is mulling are in Puerto Rico and Florida. The final decision could take between nine months and several years.

“If this hasn’t convinced you that this is a great project, the *L.A. Times* [said]: ‘I’ll tell you something; now I know where Brownsville, Texas, is located. ... I’m sure everyone else is trying to figure out the same thing,’” Salinas said.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

REK HOUR CHANGE
The **REK Center** will extend its hours of operation today through May 14: 6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. The computer lab located in REK 1.502 will be open from 5-10 p.m. Monday through Friday. The swimming pool and REK field hours will not be extended. For more information, call the REK Center at 882-5972 or e-mail campusrec@utb.edu.

TELESCOPE TALK
The **Arecibo Remote Command Center** will host “**The Scientific Impact of the World’s Largest Radio Telescope**” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday in The Arts Center. **Robert Kerr**, director of the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico, will present the history of this radio telescope and its major scientific accomplishments. Admission is free. For more information, call Administrative Secretary **Wanda Wiley** at 882-6779 or e-mail wanda.wiley@utb.edu.

FITNESS MONTH
The UTB/TSC **Exercise Science Club** will host its first **Get Moving RGV 1 mile and 5-K run** at 7:30 a.m. Saturday outside the REK Center. Top male and female finishers in the 1 mile and the top three male and female finishers in the 5-K will be awarded in the following categories: 18 and younger, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 and older. Registration is \$12; after Wednesday, it will be \$15. For more information, e-mail exercisescienceclub@utb.edu.

ZOO MOMS
Gladys Porter Zoo will celebrate **Mother’s Day** from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Visit with its newest baby gorilla and his mom, 2-month-old baby giraffe and her mother, and baby camel and her mom. Admission is free for mothers when accompanied by a paying child, \$6.50. The first 100 visitors in the gate will receive a plant-able mother’s day card. For more information, call

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STREETS WORKSHOP
The **City of Brownsville** will host a **Complete Streets Workshop** at 6 p.m. May 16 in the Brownsville Events Center’s Maj. Jacob Brown Room. **Kevin St. Jacques**, a member of the **National Complete Streets Speaker Bureau**, will present a complete streets overview and give insights drawn from his experience in working with other cities and organizations to develop complete street policies. Complete streets are designed to enable safe access for all users: pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Admission is free. For more information, call 548-6009.

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--Compiled by Magaly Rosales

POLICE REPORTS



The following are among the incidents reported to Campus Police between April 17 and 20.

Tuesday, April 17
3:08 p.m.: A Physical Plant employee fell while painting in a storage room in the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center. The officer dispatched noticed the victim lying on the floor of the G6 storage room and was advised that an emergency medical services ambulance was en route to the location. The victim stated that she was painting a wall and placing shelves in the room while on an 8-foot ladder when she lost her balance and fell from the second to the last step. She suffered injuries to her lower back, her right foot and minor cuts to her fingers after she tried to grasp one of the shelves while she was falling. The employee was transported to Valley Regional Medical Center-Brownsville.

Wednesday, April 18

2:45 p.m.: A student reported accidentally striking the fence of a private residence while parking in the dirt parking lot adjacent to 2223 E. Jackson St. She stated that she struck the fence post with her Ford Taurus. No injuries were reported. The Taurus sustained minor damage.

Friday, April 20

4 a.m.: Casa Bella resident assistants found several beers while conducting an inspection of an apartment in the student housing complex. The RAs knocked on the door and found that it was unlocked and knocked several more times and received no answer. They then opened the door and noticed one can of beer on the floor and another one on the living room table. One of the residents stated that the beer belonged to her friend who was in the balcony and denied drinking any of the alcohol. The friend claimed to be a student and said he was unaware of the curfew and alcohol policies in the student housing complex. He was advised of the rules and asked to leave the building with the alcohol.

--Compiled by Samantha Ruiz



CHRISTOPHER PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

Members of the Student Media Club include (front row, from left) Jimena Evia, Héctor Aguilar, Viridiana Zúñiga, President Rene Cardona Jr., Secretary Michelle Serrano, Valerie Secrease, Student Media Secretary Ana Sanchez, adviser and Student Media Director Azenett Cornejo. Middle row: Monica Cano, Joe Molina, Melissa Ramirez, Samantha Ruiz, Jasmin Euceda, Magaly Rosales, adviser and Student Media Coordinator Susie Cantu and Christopher Peña. Back row: Jonathan De Los Santos, Luisana Lopez, Moises Grimaldo, Treasurer Leslie Barrientos, Regina Miller, Marlane Rodriguez and Miguel Roberts.

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Achievements: Earned 17 awards at the 2012 Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention, held March 29–31 in Corpus Christi.

Meetings: 1 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday, for student employees of the Student Media Department only.

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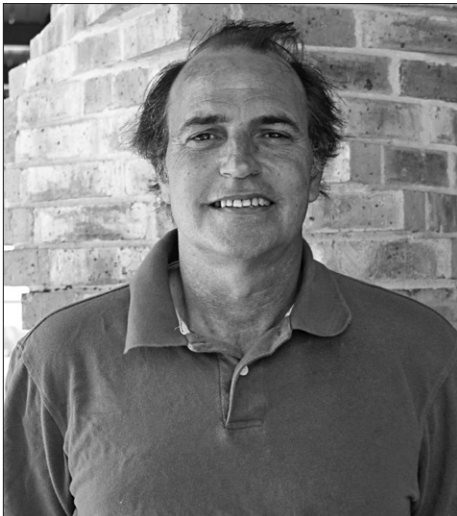
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Summer is just a few finals away. It's time to unwind, catch some rays and enjoy three months of rest and relaxation before Fall 2012.			Ring in the summer with a show by Austin's Eleven: Eleven with Mala Femmes, Vatican Beach and Moon Master. Enjoy a night of electro disco, synth-pop and indie dance music from 7 p.m. to midnight at Galeria 409, 409 E. 13th. St. Admission is \$5, and the event is BYOB.		Need an idea for a Mother's Day gift? How about tickets to Air Supply in concert? The show begins at 7 p.m. in the McAllen Convention Center. Regular tickets can be purchased at ticketmaster.com or trevinoproductions.com for \$29. VIP passes are available for a meet and greet/photo with the band. For info on VIP tickets, call 358-2755.			

Who will be your Texas Soutmost College trustee pick?

Editor’s Note: Texas Southmost College will conduct elections for Places 6 and 7 on the board of trustees on May 12. Trustee terms run for six years. Collegian Staff Writer Joe Molina and Spanish Editor Viridiana Zúñiga compiled these profiles of the candidates. Early voting began April 30 and ends Tuesday. For a complete list of Election Day polling places, access the college’s website at www.tsc.edu.



Name: Roberto Uresti
Age: 61
Hometown: Brownsville
Occupation: Part-time employee at Galaxia Car Wash
Education: Received an associate’s degree from Texas Southmost College and graduated from Pan American University with a double major bachelor’s degree in history and sociology.
Family: Divorced; three children
Position you are seeking: Texas Southmost College trustee, Place 7
Party affiliation: Independent
Experience related to the position you’re seeking: Served in the U.S. Army, Texas National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve; served three years as a board member of the Brownsville Historical Association and president of South Texans for Good Government.
What challenges face Texas Southmost College and how will you address them? In regard to the dissolution of the UTB/TSC partnership: “The first challenge ... is to make sure that TSC is treated fairly ... on the split-up, that’s the main thing, and the second most important [challenge] is [to] get TSC back as a community college to serve not only the community but [also] the students that will be attending this college.”
What are your goals, if elected? “Creating the nursing program, again, [because] I consider it one of the most important things for our community ... and the continuing education programs which would entitle short- and long-term certifications. [For] example, and this is the No. 1 [program] that I want to bring [to the college]; working with all major corporations, like McDonald’s, Sears, Target, in what is called a two-week intensive cash register certification in which they can come in for two weeks, learn the software, get certified and then go any place in the United States because they will be using the same software and they can get a job just walking in. ... My third goal is to have accountability and responsibility by the board to our taxpayers and our students; that is one thing that is lacking [at TSC]. I want to open that door that you can see through it to the other side. I expect answers to the public, because we do work for the taxpayers, not for ourselves. ... Another thing is that tuition is out of control and will be brought down for the junior college. It has to come down because we are following [the] University of Texas System on their fees. Have you seen their fees? ... And to bring back ... Brownville Texas Southmost College, it’s not going to be Texas Southmost College. I want to bring back ‘Brownsville’... I want Brownsville TSC.”
Although they are separating, what kind of relationship should TSC and UTB have? “We need to still work with each other, because some of the students will have a choice when they graduate from TSC to either attend [UTB] or a choice to attend Austin, San Antonio, other UT branches but with [UTB’s] help [TSC] can accommodate [students’] wishes. ... UTB can still assist TSC students on their way to higher education.”



Name: Tad Hasse
Age: 54
Hometown: Brownsville
Occupation: IT technician for the City of Brownsville
Education: Bachelor’s degree in mathematics from UT-Brownsville.
Family: Son Joseph and daughter Rebecca, a student at UTB/TSC.
Position you are seeking: Texas Southmost College trustee, Place 6
Party Affiliation: Republican
Experience related to the position you’re seeking: “I’ve always been very involved with the community. I went to school here, I graduated from here, my daughter is going [to school] here. ... And, I pay taxes here. ... I organized many community services for the Boy Scouts. I own and operate my own business and work for the government, so I work in the public and private sector.”
What challenges face Texas Southmost College and how will you address them? “The challenges are we’re starting with very little in organizational structure and, I would say, 20-year direction. ... We’ve got to be certified, so that we’re not doing what the Reynaldo Garza School of Law did. That was a law school that failed. They started giving classes: ‘We’re going for our certification,’ ‘We’re going for our certification.’ It never happened, so a lot of people ended up investing in something that didn’t happen. So not to put the cart before the horse, I know the president and administration is trying to make sure that every course they give is accredited before they basically open the door, and I think that that’s prudent. But for the long-term direction, because once an organization gets set, changing its direction is like trying to move an elephant, you can’t. The breakup [of the UTB and TSC partnership], although it was really sad and I don’t feel it should have happened. It does give TSC an opportunity, a very unique opportunity, to choose a direction that makes starting off in college very accessible and very affordable. It used to be that way. When I was a kid, that was a long time ago, but it was not uncommon for someone to graduate from high school, live at home with their parents, have a part-time job and take classes here at TSC. ... Today, a full-time job would not pay for tuition and books, and if you try to take a full-time job and go to school. You’d still be falling behind, you wouldn’t get your studying done. ... And I think that’s a wrong way to look at it for our upcoming generations, our present community. Everybody should have the opportunity to get through a couple of years of college without being burdened with debt. Well, since we’re starting from scratch, one of the things is the course offerings that need to be made and the kind of infrastructure expenses that TSC will have to undertake have to keep in mind the net end result on the student’s bill. That is the goal, the number should be as small as we can make it and still give the kids an accredited, transferable good foundation for any classes that they will

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Name: Ramon Champion Hinojosa
Age: 75
Hometown: Brownsville
Occupation: Retired school superintendent
Education: Bachelor of arts in English and government from St. Mary’s University, a master’s degree in education from Texas A&I University in Kingsville.
Family: A 28-year-old son, who lives in Austin
Position you are seeking: Texas Southmost College trustee, Place 7
Party affiliation: Democrat
Experience related to the position you’re seeking: Hinojosa spent 35 years in education as an elementary, middle and high school teacher, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He also directed federal programs, bilingual education and parental involvement programs.
What challenges face Texas Southmost College and how will you address them? “The challenges that face Texas Southmost College [are] like any other community college; it’s based on enrollment and we are going to work very hard with economic development, area businesses and to see what new industry is coming into the area so that we can prepare ourselves to train our students, whether it’s for two years, for four years, to have some kind of certification so they can get a better job. We know that, by experience, that probably 20 percent of students graduating from high school go to a four year-university to get a degree. But we have a lot of other students that will go for two years or go get certified in other areas, and we want to promote both areas. We want to be sure that the 80 percent that might not go to a four year-university will get a job and don’t fall into the ranks of unemployment, that they become [someone] instead of going on welfare to workfare, so they can have a good future and a good job.”
What are your goals, if elected? “If elected, my goal is to give everybody--students, faculty, administration--better opportunities, increase our enrollment [and] make TSC one of the leading community colleges in the United States.”
Although they are separating, what kind of relationship should TSC and UTB have? “I have worked in Corpus Christi ... Rio Grande City and other areas ... and I have always been involved [with colleges] through our high schools—we created in Rio Grande City in ’96 a dual credit program with South Texas College. I worked with South Texas College promoting that and also with UT-Pan Am. I’ve seen it work in San Antonio with San Antonio College and UT-San Antonio. I’ve seen it work in El Paso, so it’s not a matter that it’s not going to work, it is a matter that both entities will complement each other.”



Name: Reynaldo Garcia
Age: 76
Hometown: Brownsville
Occupation: Retired dentist after 45 years of practice
Education: Attended Texas Southmost College from 1955 to 1957, completed pre-dental requirements at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi and North Texas State University and graduated with a doctorate in dental surgery from the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston in 1961.
Family: Married for 37 years.
Position you are seeking: Texas Southmost College trustee, Place 6
Party affiliation: Independent
Experience related to the position you’re seeking: Gracia’s experience includes six years as a Brownsville Independent School District trustee, one of them as president in 1987, and currently serving in on the BISD Bond Oversight Committee; he served on TSC’s recent Presidential Screening Committee; and is a past grand commander and life member of the order of the Alhambra Alva Caravan No. 91.
What challenges face Texas Southmost College and how will you address them? “We have to make sure that the students that take 60 hours, two years, at TSC can transfer over to UTB seamlessly. ... We need to establish an academic partnership. To me, the partnership will continue academically.”
What are your goals, if elected? “First, to get accredited; that’s one of the primary things, we need to get accreditation. ... [The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools] is there to help us get accredited, but you have to put in at least a year to prove yourselves that you can do the work and we need to have the right staff, of course, the right curriculum, which they are working on right now. ... Lower the tuition, because the average tuition right now for a community college in Texas is like \$72 per hour, for credit semester hour, and universities usually average about \$250 per credit semester hour. Here, they are about \$208, at UTB, approximately. ... So if you want to go to just TSC, if that’s your goal, you have to pay three times more ... because it’s a partnership. Separating will allow us to run lower TSC [tuition] and also have open enrollment.
Although they are separating, what kind of relationship should TSC and UTB have? “I’m not against UTB. We need to work together. We need both entities. [We need a relationship] of mutual cooperation, academically for the benefit of the student, for their success [and] not to be thinking about themselves as administrators. Administrator vs. administrator: We need to forget that. We need to concentrate on the students and not on administration power [or] lack of power. I don’t like this power struggle.”



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"The Birth of A.I.," a sculpture by senior art major Andrew Moncada, is among the artworks on display in the "Semi-conscious" exhibit in the Art Gallery at Rusteberg Hall. The senior art show also features works by Tiffany Gutierrez and David Guerra. Moncada used fiberglass, plastic and wires to represent the creation of artificial intelligence by mankind. Moncada pays tribute to one of the first free-standing statues in Greece in contrast to the metallic offspring "A.I." In an e-mail to *The Collegian*, Moncada said he sold another sculpture, "Perpetual Prismatic Madala," for \$2,500, setting a sales record for a student at the gallery. The final senior art exhibit opens at 6:30 p.m. today with works by Andrea Morales, Mariana Hernandez and Alejandra Zertuche.

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Professors gone Wilde

By Joe Molina
THE COLLEGIAN

Review | An ‘Oscar’ worthy performance

An inexhaustible uproar of applause, cheers and whistles echoed from wall to wall as William Strong, a UTB/TSC communication professor and Fulbright scholar, made his way on stage a second time to respectfully acknowledge a well-deserved standing ovation for his performance in “A Picture of Oscar Wilde.”

Strong seized his audience from the get-go. They witnessed as he made himself at home, on a carpeted stage freckled with flamboyant décor:

a piously large Victorian couch with matching blue china at both ends, populated with orchids and sunflowers. The four-scene, two-man performance took place April 27 in the SET-B Lecture Hall and was made possible by the university’s Communication Council.

Across the stage, much like Strong’s red leather shoes and polished cane, his British accent, too, drifted seamlessly from beginning to end, from Wilde’s travels to Texas and throughout America to

the purple fields of Oxford and the gray, somber walls of prison.

Associate Professor John Cook accompanied Strong throughout the second scene of the series. Cook’s role, costumed with black robe and white wig, adequately reciprocated Strong’s smart-aleck remarks, a trademark for which Oscar Wilde was renowned. This portion of the play was modeled after the actual transcripts of the trial in which the playwright was prosecuted for a

scandalous relationship with a younger man and sentenced to two years of solitary confinement.

Once in prison, a newly revered Wilde emerges. Here, Strong manipulates deep pity for his character’s forsakenness. He tames the incarcerated playwright’s wild side to that of a soul-seeking, reminiscing convert.

With the stage removed of anything stylish, anything flamboyant, by the end of the third scene, Strong sits on his character’s prison bed, hunched over to tie his shoelaces, preparing to leave prison.

By this point, I was feeling drunk with all things Wilde. The Fulbright scholar was going to end the night strong, so to speak.

The final and fourth scene showcased a refurbished image of Oscar Wilde. Happy to circumvent the play with a well-fitted ending, Strong’s devotion to the role began radiating, as if he saved the best quotes for last.

With a glass of wine poised in one hand and the



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Communication Professor William Strong is shown in a scene from “A Picture of Oscar Wilde.”

audience’s hearts aching in their throats, Strong, or Wilde, or a combination of both by now, bids a final farewell.

“We are all in the gutter,” Strong quotes Wilde, “but some of us are looking at the stars.”

SLAM LIFE



Amalia Ortiz performs one of her pieces of slam poetry at the WORD Poetry Jam April 26 in the Student Union's La Sala.

Q&A with a poet

La Feria native Amalia Ortiz came to campus for the WORD Poetry Jam, hosted by the Office of Student Life, the English and Modern Languages departments and Valley International Poetry Festival. About six students read their own works before Ortiz came on stage with her spoken word act and quirky presentation. She hit the stage of HBO’s “Def Poetry” three times (seasons two, three and four). Her work extends across books, albums and a slew of live performances. For more information, check her website, amaliaortiz.net.

How did the Rio Grande Valley inspire you in your later work? “My home life definitely influenced me because I would go to school, where all the curriculum and everything was in English, and I would go home and my grandmother only spoke to me in Spanish, so there definitely was the code-switching. ... It took college to make me realize, wow, I have permission to do the code-switching, to use all the tools that are available to me, not only all of my English, but what I knew from my home life, the Spanish that we could speak.

What is your opinion on the fact that you waited until college to learn about some Mexican-American authors? “I hope that is changing. It’s been a long time since I have been involved in the school systems down here in the Valley. That’s exactly why I am doing what I am doing. It’s because I didn’t grow up reading stories like my own. It really is up to this new generation of writers to tell the stories of people who were previously voiceless, to tell your stories in any way possible, in any means necessary, in whatever language or codes-switching. I always quote ... Digital Underground: ‘I use a word that don’t mean nothin’, like ‘looptid.’” If it takes creating your own word, whatever it takes to express yourself.”

When it comes to past Mexican-American authors, how do you feel you have lived up to those aspirations? “It’s definitely a responsibility you feel as a writer. ... Once I began to see that I was getting an audience and people were really listening, then I felt that responsibility that I should speak for people that look like me. Even in San Antonio, where it’s like 60 percent Latinos, I wasn’t seeing a lot of Latinas even going to the poetry slam. Because I think in our culture it’s shunned upon, that the women are supposed to be quiet and not ill-spoken. I remember even my

grandmother, she considered it to be *chocante* because I was too out there, too loud and wanting too much attention. ... Am I living up to it? I don’t know; you tell me. But I do definitely feel that I have to do something, and I try to reflect where I come from in my writing.”

Which medium do you feel connects to people more? “It depends on what person you are speaking to because there are these quiet introverted types who want a quiet home, they want to sit and reflect and think and feel something in a deeper, maybe more philosophical way. Poetry slams are often held in noisy coffeehouses or in bars. You can’t go like, ‘Please, listen to me.’ You have to go hit the audience in the head with a bottle, practically. Where I started doing poetry, that’s definitely influenced my style but I do have an appreciation for the others. I can’t say that one is stronger or one is weaker. ...”

When was your first time doing slam poetry? “The first time I read poetry was probably in Chicago, but I didn’t consider myself a poet then. The first time I actively started writing regularly was in San Antonio when my brother Benjamin Ortiz organized the first poetry slam in San Antonio. He called it ‘Puro Slam,’ and it’s an organization that is still in effect today. He doesn’t run it anymore but it has been, gosh, over 10 years that this organization is still running. So it’s something that I am very proud of that my brother encouraged and influenced to me and also created this institution that is still going to this day in San Antonio.”

What are your future plans? “I have a musical that is being produced in Austin and San Antonio this summer that is called ‘Carmen de la Calle,’ and it’s an adaptation of the opera Georges Bizet set in San Antonio 1989, ‘Carmen of the Streets,’ ‘Carmen de la Calle.’ I have this other play that I have the outline [for]. I am starting the opening scenes and I’m hoping to have it finished this summer. It’s called ‘The Miraculous Mixes of la D.J. Santa Cecilia.’ I’m retro. That one is set in 1995 in Los Angeles, about this D.J. who disappears. I don’t want to give too much away, but there are whispers that she was either deported or abducted by aliens. I am so linked to music. It’s going to have a DJ there, so it’s going to have music. ... I am really interested in playwriting now that also incorporates poetry.”

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Brownsville podría lanzar cohetes al espacio

La ciudad apoya proyecto sobre plataforma de lanzamiento cerca de la playa

Por Samantha Ruiz
THE COLLEGIAN

La empresa estadounidense Space Exploration Technologies Inc. (Space X) está considerando la posibilidad de construir en Brownsville una plataforma de lanzamiento comercial que enviará al espacio al cohete Falcon 9 y a la nave espacial Dragón.

En la reunión del jueves pasado, la Comisión Municipal de la ciudad de Brownsville aprobó una resolución que expresa su apoyo y cooperación con la empresa.

Brownsville es una opción gracias a su cercanía al ecuador, dijo Gilberto Salinas, vicepresidente ejecutivo del Consejo de Desarrollo Económico de Brownsville.

Salinas dijo que ahora es más fácil entender por qué la ciudad está a favor de este proyecto. Entre más cerca esté el cohete al ecuador, más rápido se puede enviar al espacio.

“Los lanzacohetes deben de construirse lejos de áreas pobladas y cerca del agua”, dijo él.

Con sus vehículos Falcón, SpaceX puede “situar satélites y otras naves espaciales en cualquier inclinación y altitud, desde una órbita terrestre baja hasta una órbita geosincrónica para misiones planetarias”, según el sitio web de la empresa.

La nave Dragón es “de vuelo libre y reusable desarrollada por SpaceX en el programa de Servicios de Transportes de Órbita Comercial de la NASA”, de acuerdo al sitio.

Los cohetes lanzados en las afueras de la playa Boca



Esta plataforma de lanzamiento de cohetes de Space Exploration Technology en Cabo Cañaveral, Florida, es similar a la que la la empresa podría construir en las cercanías de la playa Boca Chica, de acuerdo a Gilberto Salinas, vicepresidente ejecutivo del Consejo de Desarrollo Económico de Brownsville.

Chica volarían sobre el Golfo de México, evitando las áreas pobladas. Ahí hay mucho terreno sin urbanizar, dijo Salinas.

Si se construye, la plataforma de lanzamiento podría producir hasta \$80 millones en inversiones de capital y proveer 600 trabajos directos, además de \$50 millones en salarios directos anuales.

“Éste es dinero caído del cielo, es dinero que no teníamos, dinero que hará mucho por nuestra región”, dijo él.

SpaceX Inc. pagará 80 por ciento sobre los salarios promedio del condado.

Más de \$70 millones se esperan para impactar económicamente a la ciudad

si la plataforma se construye, y se esperarían más de 7,000 turistas por lanzamiento al mes, dijo Salinas.

Además de los beneficios económicos que una plataforma de lanzamiento podría traer, también se abrirían nuevas oportunidades escolares.

Él dijo que los colegios y universidades podrían crear nuevas pasantías y planes de estudio.

El lugar que se ha propuesto para la construcción se sitúa un poco antes de la playa Boca Chica en la autopista estatal de Texas 4.

A diferencia de la mayoría de los cohetes, éstos son un poco más ecológicos.

Los cohetes lanzados por SpaceX utilizan queroseno y

oxígeno líquido en lugar de combustible común.

La empresa ofrecerá una audiencia pública de 5 a 8 p.m. el 15 de mayo en el International Technology, Education and Commerce Center de UTB/TSC para responder a las inquietudes de los residentes.

Otros lugares que la empresa tiene en consideración son Puerto Rico y Florida. La decisión final podría tomar nueve meses o varios años.

“Si esto no les ha convencido de que éste es un buen proyecto, L.A. Times [dice]: ‘Les diré algo; ahora sé dónde está Brownsville, Texas... Tengo por seguro que los demás están tratando de averiguar lo mismo’”.

La importancia de las calles completas

Un experto explicará cómo una calle puede cambiar a una comunidad

Por Viridiana Zúñiga
EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

La ciudad de Brownsville presentará un taller sobre calles completas donde se abordará el tema de la necesidad de planear y diseñar las calles para que los residentes tengan un acceso libre y seguro a ellas.

El taller será a las 6 p.m. el 16 de mayo en el salón Major Jacob Brown del Brownsville Events Center.

“Tradicionalmente, una calle se construye para los carros, pero las calles completas son construidas para toda la comunidad”, dijo la Comisionada de la ciudad de Brownsville, Rose Gowen. “El propósito de tener un taller de esta índole es educar... a los miembros de la comunidad... sobre la mejora que las calles completas brindan a otras comunidades”.

Estas calles están diseñadas para permitir a los usuarios un acceso fácil. Los peatones, ciclistas, motociclistas y conductores de todas las edades y capacidades deben ser capaces de transportarse de un lugar a otro en una calle completa, de acuerdo al sitio web de la Coalición Nacional de Calles Completas.

El taller será presentado por Kevin St. Jacques, miembro del Buró de Oradores de la coalición. St. Jacques hablará sobre los conceptos básicos de las calles completas y de los principios



La ciudad ofrecerá un taller sobre Calles Completas el 16 de mayo. A la izquierda, se muestra un ejemplo de una calle incompleta (Boca Chica Boulevard). A la derecha, se muestra una completa (Ruben Torres Jr. Boulevard) que permite un acceso fácil y seguro a todos los usuarios.

de diseño en una comunidad que respeta a los ciclistas y a los peatones. También ofrecerá información sobre el desarrollo e implementación de políticas sobre calles completas.

Susana Guzmán, administradora de proyectos de la ciudad de Brownsville, dijo que la ciudad cuenta con 1,139 kilómetros de calles. La mayoría no son calles completas.

Se le preguntó a Gowen si la ciudad planea implementar una política sobre estas calles y ella respondió: “No hemos llegado a ese punto aún; es prematuro

decir que esto será implementado. Simplemente estamos comenzando a educar a la comunidad sobre esta cuestión”.

El taller es gratuito y abierto al público. “Todos los residentes deben interesarse en saber más sobre este tema”, dijo ella. “Es importante educarnos sobre las formas en que podemos mejorar la seguridad, el bienestar y el desarrollo económico de toda la comunidad”.

Para más información, llame al 548-6009.

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Pasatiempos: “Me gusta ir de casería, pasar tiempo con mis amigos, jugar béisbol y me fascina tocar guitarra”.

¿Cuáles son tus metas? “Continuar jugando béisbol durante mi trayectoria en la universidad”.

¿Cuáles son tus metas escolares: “Entrar a la escuela de derecho para poder obtener la preparación necesaria para poder ser un abogado con especialidad en deportes”.

¿Cuál es tu inspiración? “Lo que me inspira a mí es el esfuerzo que hay detrás de cada persona exitosa, es impresionante ver cómo una persona puede llegar hasta la cúspide y saber que sudor y lagrimas fueron el precio de su triunfo”.

¿Quién es la persona que más admiras? “Mi padre es mi héroe, es el alcalde del pueblo de donde vengo y hace un magnífico trabajo”.

¿Cuál sería tu trabajo ideal? “Hay varias cosas que me gustaría hacer, pero al final sería feliz trabajando en algo donde pudiera ayudar a mi comunidad, y vaciar en alguien todo mi conocimiento y sabiduría”.

¿Qué técnicas utilizas para estudiar? “Para mí la mejor manera de prepararme para la escuela es poner mis estudios como prioridad, no dejarlo al último minuto”.

¿Cuál es tu consejo para los alumnos de nuevo ingreso? “Eliján una carrera que se relacione con algo que les guste hacer, que les llene de pasión, de esa manera amarán lo que hacen y no les será difícil”. Tu trabajo no será una molestia, sino que lo disfrutarás”.

Consejo: “Le recomiendo a cada estudiante vivir el sueño, no tener miedo de tomar riesgos, porque esa es la única manera de triunfar y avanzar en la vida, no importa de qué lugar seas o cuál sea tu pasado, lo que te define como persona es lo que eres hoy.”

--Recopilado por Jasmin Euceda

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Outfielder Colby Henscey looks out onto the field after the final home game of the season vs. the University of the Southwest April 21. USW swept UTB/TSC in the three game series: 7-6, 2-1, 4-3.



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UTB/TSC Baseball Team falls to Bacone College in elimination game

By Valerie Nichole Secrease
SPORTS EDITOR

Sadly, the season ended earlier than expected for the UTB/TSC Baseball Team last Tuesday in Shreveport, La., after they were defeated 4-2 in the Red River Athletic Conference tournament by the Bacone College Warriors.

B a y l r Bickerton started on the mound for the Scorpions in the elimination game, and went five-and-one-thirds innings, allowing four runs and seven hits.

Adam Vera entered the game in the sixth inning and finished the last three innings.

The Scorpions took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when shortstop Joel Fernandez reached on an error, was sacrificed to second by Scott Frazier and scored on a single by outfielder Peter Maldonado, according to an Athletics Department news release.

In the third inning, the Warriors tied the game 1-1, and in the fourth took a 2-1 lead over the Scorpions. UTB/TSC tied the game 2-2 in the bottom of the fifth when Frazier reached on an error and scored on a sacrifice fly by Zach Cordia.

The Warriors scored

two more runs in the sixth inning to make the score 4-2.

Bacone College held off a bases-loaded rally in the bottom of the ninth inning to pull out a 4-2 victory over UTB/TSC, ending its season.

In the first game of the tournament, the Scorpions faced off against the Texas Wesleyan University Rams April 28 and proved to be successful after defeating the team, 7-6.

Outfielder Colby Henscey's three-run home run in the third inning was the highlight of the game for the Scorpions.

Zach Armstrong went seven-and-one-thirds innings. He threw 111 pitches, struck out eight and did not walk a batter. He gave up nine hits and all six runs were earned.

Kale Wierenga relieved Armstrong in the eighth inning, finishing up the game with a win for the Scorpions.

The Scorpions outpaced the Rams 12-10. Outfielder Gus Henggeler had three hits for the Scorpions while Henscey, Frazier and Fernandez each had two hits. Outfielder K.J. Semien scored twice.

On April 29, UTB/TSC met Texas College

on the diamond where it came out on top in a dramatic win 10-9, after 10 innings.

UTB/TSC jumped out to a 6-0 lead, but Texas College quickly cut into the lead with three runs in the bottom of the second inning.

The score stood at 6-3 until the seventh inning, when both teams scored. The Scorpions went up 7-3 on a solo home run by Henscey, but the Steers responded with two runs to make it 7-5.

The Scorpions tallied two runs in the top of the ninth to make it 9-5.

In the top of the ninth, the Scorpions were leading the game 9-5, but the Steers came back in the bottom of the ninth and scored four runs to tie the game, forcing the game to go into extra innings.

But it was Cordia's sacrifice fly scoring Frazier for the game-winning run in the 10th inning that promised the Scorpions another day in the tournament.

After two days in Shreveport, the two undefeated teams in the tournament would meet on Pilot Field for an important game.

UTB/TSC and host Louisiana State

University-Shreveport battled on the field April 30 for a spot in the championship game May 1, but it was LSU-Shreveport that claimed the victory 11-5, earning the spot in the final game.

Maldonado led the Scorpions with three hits. First baseman Ricardo Alanis and infielder Robert Mariscal each scored two runs.

Vera started for the Scorpions, but was pulled in the second inning after surrendering Pilot Kyle Pearson's second home run, according to an Athletics Department news release.

Five other pitchers followed: sophomore Trevor Guston, freshman Salvador Villalpando, senior Sam Buchanan, sophomore Brody Chamberlain and freshman Ryan Moye. Buchanan went the longest of the six pitchers, three innings, and allowed two runs and five hits.

The UTB/TSC Scorpions finished off their final season with a 30-26 record. The university ended the baseball program because of budgets cuts in connection with the dissolution of its partnership with Texas Southmost College.



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Freshman golfer Alaine Muro was selected as Red River Athletic Women's Golfer of the Week and received the award for the NAIA National Women's Golfer of the Week for the period April 23-29.

Double honors for Muro

Conference and national women's golfer of the week

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Apart from earning a spot in the NAIA national championship tournament, UTB/TSC freshman golfer Alaine Muro has been selected as the Red River Athletic Conference Women's Golfer of the Week and NAIA National Women's Golfer of the Week for April 23-29.

Muro posted a school record 145 in the two-round NAIA Unaffiliated Group Tournament April 23-24 in Oklahoma City to capture the event's individual championship, according to an Athletics Department news release. She took medalist honors by seven shots.

Muro's performance led the Scorpions to a second-place title among the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference and the RRAC teams.

She set the tone for the field early with a round of 71 before posting a 74 on day two. Her 71 tied the school record set by alumna April Martinez in the same tournament in 2009.

For the year, Muro owns five top-five finishes and an average score of 80.2.

She will compete in the NAIA Women's Golf National Championship May 15-19 in Greenville, Tenn.

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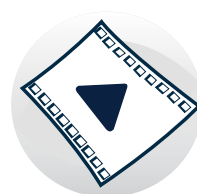
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